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President: Mr. Hachani (Tunisia)

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The meeting was called to order at 4.40 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (continued)

1. **The Chairman** recalled that, it had been agreed *ad referendum* during the informal consultations held earlier that day, that the overall theme for the humanitarian segment of the substantive session of 2006 would be "Strengthening of the coordination of United Nations humanitarian assistance: implementing improved humanitarian response at all levels, including strengthening capacity, with particular attention to recent humanitarian emergencies including severe natural disasters" and that there would be two panels which would discuss the topics "Gender-based violence in humanitarian emergencies" and "Chronically underfunded emergencies". If there were no objections, he would take it that the Council wished to approve the overall theme and the topics for the two panels.

2. *It was so decided.*

3. **Mr. Mally** (United States of America) expressed concern that Member States had been given so little advance notice of the meeting. In future meetings should be scheduled in such a way as to afford delegations adequate time to consult with their capitals.

The meeting rose at 4.45 p.m.